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In the application of:

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Serial No.: 09/588,696

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For: NEAR FIELD LIGHT GENERATING
DEVICE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 23, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7-11 and 15-17 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,144,634 (Gasser). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the Final Action mailed October 2, 2002, and the subsequent Advisory Action mailed January 21, 2003, the Examiner contended that the claimed light transmitting and blocking feature of the film disposed on the exit surface is not positively recited because of the expressions "adapted to" or "configured to." In the amendment filed December 20, 2002, in